

REMARKS

Claim 1 is currently pending in the application, as amended. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the at least one air outlet extends on a side surface of the air filtration device located between a front surface and a rear surface of the air filtration device for cooperation of the air outlet with a generally vertically oriented surface, in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion in the last full paragraph on page 4 of the final Office Action, dated June 23, 2004. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification paragraphs numbered [0029], [0030], [0037] and [0039] and throughout the figures. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully requests that the Amendment After Final Rejection be entered in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 714.13 because the Amendment: (1) includes no new matter; (2) resolves all issues raised by the Examiner in the final Office Action; (3) does not introduce subject matter that has not been previously considered, as the subject matter was added based on the suggestion of the Examiner and, therefore, does not require the Examiner to perform further searching; (4) places the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal; and (5) does not result in a net addition of claims to the application.

CLAIMS

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,017,375 ("Duell"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Referring to Figs. 1-4, Duell discloses an air purifier unit including a front cover 47, a filter 42, a main support 12, a rear cover 46 and a top cover 40. In an assembled condition, the front cover 47 and rear cover 46 encompass the main support 12 therein, forming side and bottom surfaces of the air purifier unit. The top surface of the air purifier unit is formed by a top portion of the front cover 47 and the top cover 40. In operation, the fan 30 draws air through the

inlet, through the filter 42, through a penetration in the main support 12, through the fan 30 and out of the top cover 40.

Referring to Figs. 3, 4, 7 and 8, the present application is directed to an air filtration device 10 that is configured for operational association with a generally vertically-oriented surface, typically a wall W. The air filtration device 10 includes a housing 12 and at least one air outlet 30 formed in a side surface 28 located between a front surface 14 and a rear surface 32 for cooperation with a generally vertical surface or, typically, the wall W. The air outlet 30 is preferably comprised of a plurality of vents 30 on the side surface 28. When the air filtration device 10 is plugged into an electric outlet E, the filtered air is urged through the vents 30 and impinges upon the associated wall W to enhance dispersion of the filtered air throughout the room.

Claim 1 of the present application is directed to an air filtration device that is configured for operational association with a generally vertically-oriented surface and recites, *inter alia*, a housing... at least one air outlet formed in said housing intermediate said front surface and said rear surface, said at least one air outlet extending on a side surface located between the front surface and rear surface for cooperation of said air outlet with a generally vertically oriented surface....

Applicants respectfully submit that Duell does not anticipate claim 1 of the present application. Specifically, there is no teaching, suggestion or disclosure in Duell of an air filtration device with an air outlet formed in a housing intermediate the front and rear surface of the housing extending on a side surface of the housing. Duell includes an air purifying unit that expels air through a top outlet in a separate top cover of an air purifier unit. Based upon the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw any rejection of amended claim 1 based upon anticipation by Duell.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing Amendment After Final Rejection and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including amended claim 1, is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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